

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed February 22, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,611,249. Attached herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,359,389. Attached herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to provide the appropriate indication that the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of August 25, 2003 were considered during the examination of this Application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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